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FOR ATHERTON FROM LEWIS

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TAGS: PGOV, EG, IS, OVIP(VANCE, CYRUS R.)
SUBJ: REPORT ON SECRETARY'S FINAL MEETING WITH PRIME
MINISTER BEGIN, JANUARY 19

REF: SECTO 1052

1. I HAVE JUST RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY AND HAVE HAD
A CHANCE TO READ OVER REFTEL IN THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY.
IT DOES NOT JIBE WITH MY RECOLLECTION OF OUR DISCUSSION
WITH THE SECRETARY LAST NIGHT IN ONE OR TWO POINTS:

2. IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA TWO, I BELIEVE THE
WORD "NOT" MUST HAVE BEEN OMITTED INADVERTENTLY. I
ASSUME THE SENTENCE SHOULD READ "BEGIN WAS NOT, AT THE
START, READY TO ACCEPT. . ."

3. IN THE SIXTH SENTENCE OF PARA TWO WHICH BEGINS "IN
ADDITION TO THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM," I UNDERSTOOD THE
SECRETARY TO SAY THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE SENTENCE
SHOULD READ "SOME OTHER UNIMPORTANT DIFFERENCES....,"
RATHER THAN "SOME OTHER IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES..."

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I THOUGH WE HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE ONLY
IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE IS OVER PARA FIVE AT THIS STAGE.
THE TEXT AS IT READS GIVES A DIFFERENT IMPRESSION.

4. I HAVE BEEN REMINDED THIS MORNING BY DAYAN THAT
WE PROMISED TO GIVE HIM A COPY OF OUR RECORD OF THE
MEETING. I HAVE REAFFIRMED OUR COMMITMENT BUT EXPLAINED

WE COULD NOT MEET IT UNTIL WE MAKE THE RECORD OURSELVES,
AND THAT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DO UNTIL AFTER YOUR
RETURN--SINCE YOU HAVE THE MORE COMPLETE NOTES ON THE
MEETING.

5. WE HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH BEGIN AND DAYAN
IN JERUSALEM AT 1900 HOURS TOMORROW, JANUARY 21. I
HAVE PROMISED DAYAN TO GIVE HIM AN ADVANCE WORD TONIGHT
AS SOON AS THE REPORT ON YOUR MEETING IS RECEIVED.

6. GOOD LUCK*
LEWIS

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